



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MURs 4693, 4737 and 4868
Washington State Republican Party—
Federal Account and Al Symington,
as treasurer

Dear Mr. White:

On August 12, 1999, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that your client, the Washington State Republican Party—Federal Account, and Al Symington, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i) and 106.5(g)(1)(i), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

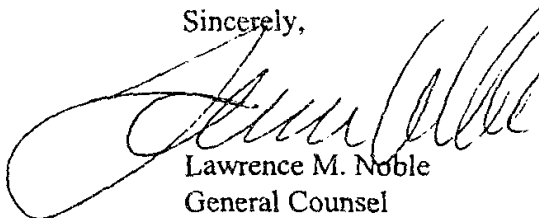
If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory

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conciliation agreement, please contact Ruth Heilizer, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble", written over the typed name and title.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Enclosure:

Conciliation Agreement